

By the Holy Ghost

Do you think that Lehi and Nephi had hands laid upon their heads to receive the GIFT of the Holy Ghost?

17)And it came to pass after I, Nephi, having heard all the words of my father, concerning the things which he saw in a vision, and also the things which he spake by the power of the Holy Ghost, which power he received by faith on the Son of God-and the Son of God was the Messiah who should come-I, Nephi, was desirous also that I might see, and hear, and know of these things, by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is the gift of God unto all those who diligently seek him, as well in times of old as in the time that he should manifest himself unto the children of men.

18)For he is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever; and the way is prepared for all men from the foundation of the world, if it so be that they repent and come unto him.

19)For he that diligently seeketh shall find; and the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in these times as in times of old, and as well in times of old as in times to come; wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round. (1 Nephi 10)

Do you think there is an essential ORDINANCE of salvation to bestow the GIFT of the Holy Ghost? This is what the Book of Mormon states:

1)THE words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them-

2)And he called them by name, saying: Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this ye shall have power that to him upon whom ye shall lay your hands, ye shall give the Holy Ghost; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles.

3)Now Christ spake these words unto them at the time of his first appearing; and the multitude heard it not, but the disciples heard it; and on as many as they laid their hands, fell the Holy Ghost.

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16)And it shall come to pass, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name shall be filled; and if he endureth to the end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father at that day when I shall stand to judge the world. (3 Nephi 27)

The promise is that they SHALL be filled. We all know there are various ways that the Lord operates among the children of men. Why not about this subject?

There is nothing about it being a GIFT given by men. I can't help but think that it is a process for those who come forth with a broken heart and contrite spirit that did not have the Holy Ghost fall upon them already. I hate to use the analogy but perhaps it is a way to jump-start a stalled vehicle.